

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A device for treating woody plants, comprising a cylindrical injection element equipped with an axial bore; only one radial slot which communicates with the axial bore and whose longitudinal axis is essentially parallel to the axial bore; a fixing element and an element for connecting a reservoir.

2. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the axial bore is embodied in the form of a pot bore.

3. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that a sealing element is arranged between the fixing element and the element for connecting a reservoir.

4. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the sealing element is a three-way cock.

5. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the fixing element is a thread.

6. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in [[any]] claim 1, further comprising an element for turning and/or adjusting the device, wherein the fixing

element is arranged between the radial slot and the element for turning and/or adjusting the device.

7. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a marker element that indicates the radial position of the radial slot, wherein the fixing element is arranged between the marker element and the radial slot.

8. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A method of treating woody plants, characterized in that in a first step, a small area of bark is removed,

in a second step, an essentially horizontal hole is bored into the stem of a woody plant;

in a third step, the device as claimed in claim 1 is introduced into this borehole, fixed and adjusted in such a way that the radial slot (3) points vertically upwards;

in a fourth step, the plant treatment composition is delivered via the connection element (5) in such a way that an essentially bubble-free delivery of the plant treatment composition is ensured;

in a fifth step, the pressurized plant treatment composition is allowed to be taken up by the woody plant over the period required, and,

in a sixth step, the above-described cannula is detached and, if appropriate, the borehole which remains is sealed by methods with which the skilled worker is familiar.

9. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that a plurality of injections are carried out simultaneously on one and the same woody plant along the circumference of the stem.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A device for treating woody plants, comprising a cylindrical injection element equipped with an axial bore; a radial slot which communicates with the axial bore and whose longitudinal axis is essentially parallel to the axial bore; a fixing element and an element for connecting a reservoir,

wherein a sealing element is arranged between the fixing element and the element for connecting a reservoir, and

wherein the sealing element is a three-way cock.